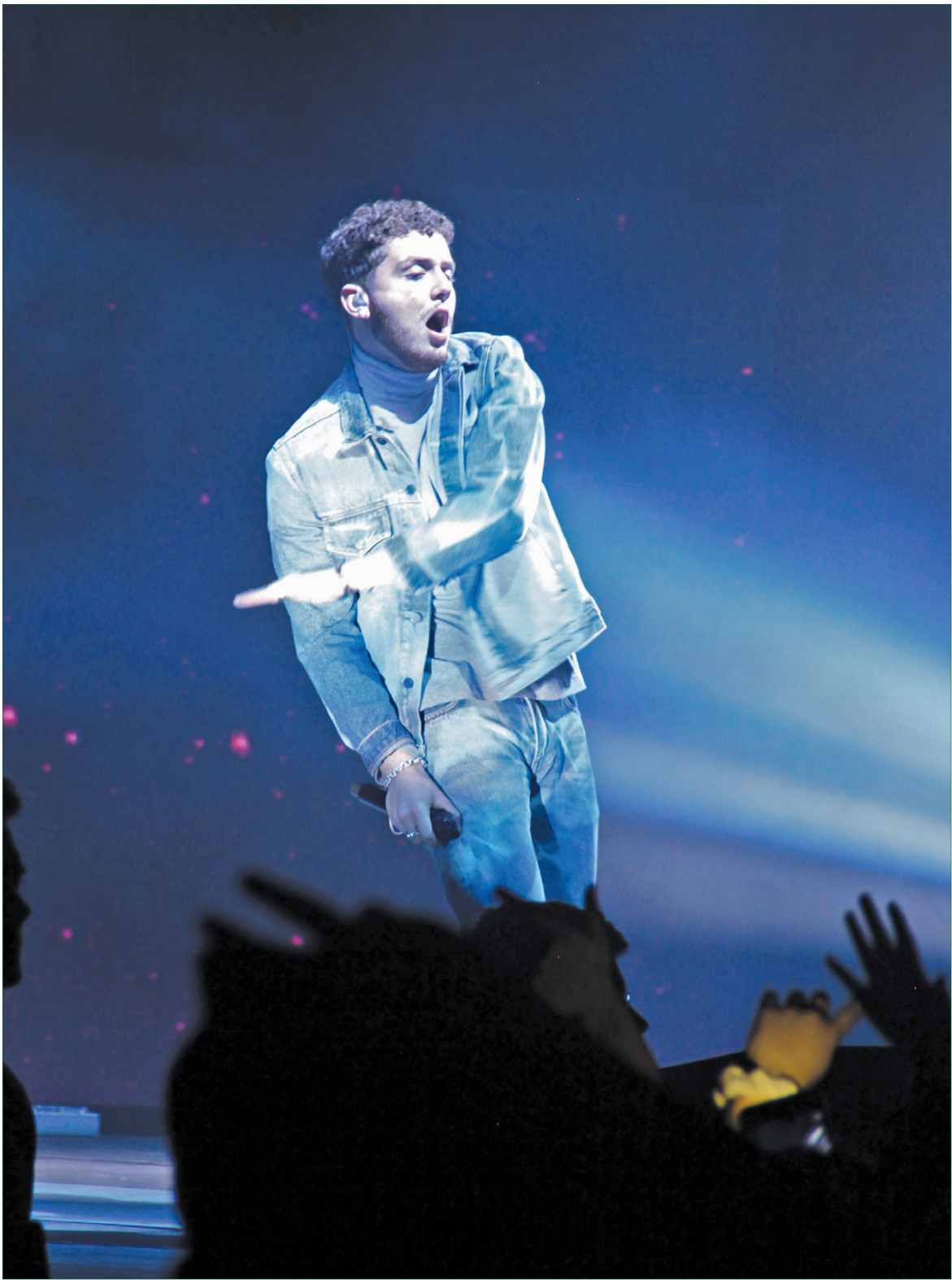


Numbers low for SAC music festival



Bazzi, R&B influenced artist, performs in Bearcat Arena for the Student Actives Council fall concert Oct. 20. SAC sold 913 tickets to the Bazzi concert. “It was a great event, all you can do is put them on and hope people come,” SAC Advisor Dee Dino said.

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Roberta Hall to receive \$1 million in renovations

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The Northwest Board of Regents approved a renovations refresh proposal for Roberta Hall to not exceed \$1 million.

Roberta Hall allows the women of Greek Life to reside together and is home to Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu, Sigma Kappa and Sigma Sigma Sigma. It was built in 1922 and is the oldest dorm on campus.

Facility Services Director Allen Mays said the renovations to Roberta Hall will likely include new lighting, restroom upgrades, new carpet in designated areas along with other necessary upkeep improvements. “It’s an older building; it’s a historic building,” Mays said. “Our master plan called for keeping that building and uplifting that building. It’s one of our priorities that has come out of our auxiliary service and our Residential Life Master Plan.”

Roberta Hall is 50,000 square feet. It can house up to 184 people in its 91 rooms. The hall has three floors and a walkout basement.

Renovations and repairs have been done in Roberta Hall periodically over the years. Electronic access work was done in 2011. A full carpet replacement was completed in 2012. Most recently in 2015, the domestic hot water heaters were replaced.

Director of Residential Life Rose Viau said the need for repairs to Roberta Hall were mainly brought to attention by receiving feedback from the residents.

“We’ve had a lot of problems with things that needed fixed,” Viau said. “Not major problems, but the girls have talked about the showers for a couple of years and how they

don’t look very good, some of them leak. Each year we’re able to budget a certain amount of money for different things to fix and so we really wanted to focus on Roberta.”

Funding for the Roberta Hall refresh comes from two buckets of funding: the Campus Master Plan budget and the Auxiliary Services budget.

“I think the funding associated with this particular project fit for fiscal year 2019,” Mays said. “We knew we wanted to do it, just positioning ourselves and how it fell in the priority list is something that was discussed and finally landed for this year. We’ve got other buildings on our list for our Campus Master Plan, but this is one of the ones we wanted to tackle this year.”

The architect for this project is Trevor’s and Associates out of St. Louis. Viau said typically the architect will have three to four fold pallets for the University to choose from for paint and tile options.

Viau said they plan on letting the girls who live on Roberta Hall pick out which fold pallet they like best.

“I think they’ll love it,” Viau said. “I think they’ll really like that we’re redoing the bathroom showers. We’ll involve them because we’re probably going to redo the tile in there as well and we’ll paint, so we’ll involve them and ask them colors that they would like to have in those.”

The refresh work in Roberta Hall will begin in April after residents move out and will conclude in August, in time for move in for the fall 2019 semester.

“Every year we’re trying to put some money into the residence halls because we want to make them great places to live,” Viau said.



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Freshman Ashlyn Kralik (right) stretches out to tag a survivor, as he reacts with an attempt to dodge the tag by throwing foam darts at her during Maryville’s Human vs. Zombies “Thunderdome” promotional preseason game Sept. 13.

Humans vs. Zombies disbanded

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Northwest’s branch of Humans vs. Zombies is being disbanded due to continuous issues with membership numbers.

Humans vs. Zombies is a game played globally that simulates a zombie apocalypse. According to the Humans vs. Zombies website, the game starts with one zombie who has 24 hours to tag as many humans as possible. Humans are equipped with Nerf guns, socks or marshmallow launchers they use for protection.

Northwest Humans vs. Zombies was founded in 2011 and began to see issues in 2013 when the University changed its policy on the use of Nerf guns on campus and banned the use of Nerf Blasters.

University police chief Clarence Green said the decision to ban Nerf Blasters on campus was in part fueled by an increase in mass shootings.

“They carry what they would call Blasters, Nerf guns, we didn’t allow them with all the mass shoot-

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The Vibin’ in the ‘Ville music festival hosted by the Northwest Student Activities Council saw low numbers in attendance in comparison to previous years.

The headliner for the festival was R&B influencer Bazzi. SAC sold 913 tickets. For the first time in Northwest history, SAC Concert Director Emily Elliott and committee decided to add in an outdoor music festival before the concert featuring local artists, art vendors, a beer garden and food trucks.

Elliott said she was disappointed with the number of students that showed up to the outdoor portion of Vibin’ in the ‘Ville. Around 200 people came to the festival throughout the four-hour span of live performances, approximately 50-75 people was the highest head count at one time.

“I think my committee, me and Student Activities Council organized and planned this perfectly,” Elliott said. “This was one of the most organized events in my mind. The numbers for the outside festival did not show because of the new. I opened the doors to something completely new that this campus has never seen before.”

SAC Advisor Dee Dino attributes the low attendance numbers to an eventful past couple of weeks with Family weekend, Homecoming weekend and midterms.

“I really think campus was very quiet all weekend long, I think a lot of people chose to go home. It was the first weekend after midterms,” Dino said. “I think everybody was like nope, we haven’t seen family for a month. I think that hurt us quite a bit.”

Dino also said SAC struggled with promoting Vibin’ in the ‘Ville.

“That’s traditionally been true, I’ve been in this department for seven years, that’s always been true of SAC,” Dino said. “They put on great events, promotion is not their strong suit.”

Performers for the outdoor music festival included Outlaw Creek,

ESAI, A Greater Tomorrow, Meta, J. Rich and The Rewind. The purpose of the outdoor portion was to bring in every music genre in attempts to please all students, ideally resulting in a larger audience.

“I felt awful to be completely honest just because there wasn’t a crowd that I wanted and I can’t control people,” Elliott said. “I can do as much as possible to try and get them to come but I can’t control the people so when there was a smaller crowd then what I wanted, I was upset.”

Melody Monroe was one of the art vendors at the music festival selling her art. Monroe said she was glad to see SAC reaching out and involving art students and other organizations.

“I’ve sold a few things but it hasn’t been as busy as I was expecting it to be,” Monroe said. “Supporting fellow students is always a good idea, especially musically and artistically.”

Elliott said she wanted to sell 2,000 tickets to the Bazzi concert. She did not meet her goal but said the concert was still an achievement. Saturday’s concert was Bazzi’s first time performing at a college.

“I think the concert was successful on my end and it was successful with the students. The crowd was happy the entire time, Bazzi was happy the entire time,” Elliott said. “This was also Bazzi’s first college performance, which I thought was really cool on my end because I can say that I did that. That was awesome and I’m glad that he was the headliner for my music festival.”

Dino said the concert committee wanted to bring in a headliner that had just started taking off and was on the rise, making Bazzi a good fit.

“We got our money’s worth for what he provided to us,” Dino said. “Ultimately, is it a lot to spend for an event if students don’t go? It is, it sure is.”

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Peach Creek leads discussion

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The Peach Creek saga continued Monday when the Maryville City Council approved a contract for construction of a new creek structure.

Estimated to cost around \$66,600, the project is a grade control structure meant to stabilize a stream waterway and reduce channel bed erosion.

“The rock grade structure will have 30 tons of geotextile fabric, 1700 square feet of riprap and 350 tons of shot rock,” McDanel said.

The project is the result of an agreement made with Missouri U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after the city was penalized for not having a proper permit for work it completed on the creek in 2015.

Completing the project will allow them to offset \$240,000 worth of stream credits fines that were given to the city in the resolution.

City seeks solution to golf course sand runoff

With the sand bunkers of Mozingo Lake’s Sechrest 18 golf course at the mercy of rain, city officials are taking steps to improve the bunkers.

The course has 26 sand bunkers spread across the area, many of which are designed with steep slopes and sharp corners.

According to Assistant City Manager Ryan Heiland, the lifespan of a bunker is about 15 years.

“Our bunkers are going on 25 years,” Heiland said. “What you’re seeing is a lot of washouts, so every time it rains our staff literally has to spend hundreds of hours every year raking the sand back up.”

Heiland and officials proposed a contract with a company called Bet-



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Maryville City Council members discussed the Peach Creek construction contract along with contracts to Mozingo golf course and maintenance landfill at its regular bi-monthly meeting Oct. 22.

ter Billy Bunker, renowned as one of the country’s best golf course bunker construction companies.

Their method entails installing rocks underneath the sand and then spraying the rocks with a material that keeps the sand in place and prevents erosion.

The contract was approved by the council for \$20,000, \$10,000 of which was paid for by a private donor.

City Council approves landfill maintenance contract

Council City unanimously approved a contract with the Missouri

Department of Natural Resources for a permit centered on maintaining sanitary landfills.

The contract affirms Maryville’s obligation to conduct 30 years of post-closure cost estimating and testing of the landfill with the use of a Financial Assurance Instrument.

Post-closure testing consists of evaluating waste containment systems and monitoring groundwater to ensure that waste isn’t escaping and potentially polluting the ecosystem.

Young Americans bring non-partisan objective

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Northwest will soon be welcoming a new political group into the fold, one that allows students to support constitutional rights regardless of their political views.

With chapters at more than 700

universities, Young Americans for Liberty is a non-profit political organization focused on freedom of speech while emphasizing the role of the Constitution.

Founding member junior Taylor Moore said she was inspired by her friend, a chapter president with

the University of Kansas, to bring Young Americans for Liberty to Northwest.

“Students don’t know that they have so many rights in the eyes of the law,” Moore said.

After seeing people alienated by political groups that focused on

narrow political ideas, Moore wanted a non-partisan group where people with different views could work together.

“There is a lot of polarization of the parties right now,” Moore said. “I just want to focus on different individual rights, which is what we promote.”

The organization has 10 members and more than 30 that are interested in joining.

As for how YAL plans to make itself known to the community, group members have discussed a variety of possible initiatives to bring on campus.

Organization initiatives include a Constitution wall and a free speech ball, a five-foot ball that students would sign.

At its first official meeting last Friday, members reviewed key organization bylaws and reviewed the YAL constitution.

Founding member Ben DeMouth said the organization’s first meeting was also critical for getting members on the same page with how they would move forward.

He feels as though YAL’s future meetings will give its members an engaging experience.

“It’s not something that you have to sit down and listen to somebody talks to you, it’s going to be entertaining captivating stuff,” DeMouth said.

Far too often DeMouth says he has seen students learn about Democrat and Republican values in classes and not agree with either.

“I think a lot of kids our age believe that they are independent but feel that they have to be a part of one of the two parties,” DeMouth said. “The thing about Young Americans is it encourages people to think for themselves.”

More than anything else, he feels the diversity of political views amongst members is evidence that people with different political views can work to support common goals.

The group has one last hurdle to complete before campus decisions can be made, a pitch to Student Senate so the group can become officially recognized.

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Debielle Patee-Merrill voices her opinion in a floor discussion regarding the Criminology Club being recognized as a new organization in Tuesday's Student Senate meeting.

Student Senate approves two new organizations

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Student Senate voted on appropriations, recognized two new student organizations, and swore in an inclusion representative during their meeting Tuesday.

Senate appropriated \$675 to the Student Missouri State Teachers Association for 20 members to attend the Missouri State Teachers Association Convention Nov. 7-9.

SMSTA President junior Emma Morris said the convention is an opportunity for students to learn from a diverse group of education professionals as well as represent Northwest's teacher education program at the state level.

Senate voted to recognize Criminology Club as a new student organization. Criminology Club differs from Criminal Justice Club in that it focuses on the science and psychology of crime and criminals rather than the legal process.

"We have the fundamental belief to advance our knowledge and

technical skills in the career field," Brandon Marks said. "Anyone can join. We'll discuss topics that we just touched on in our classes, so we'll discuss that and also bring in speakers to talk more in-depth about topics that they're seeing more on their side in the professional field."

Senate also voted to recognize Fighting Game Club as a student organization. Fighting Game Club focuses on improving skill level at fighting games, especially those that are played competitively.

FGC President Collin Siebert said the group differs from Northwest Games Club because of its competitive nature and video-game focus. He said the group hopes esports become an intramural-type sport at Northwest and compete at esports competitions.

"The biggest difference is most people play video games as a pastime, but as the years have gone on, esports have gotten really big," FGC Vice President C'Antae Kaid said. "The League of Leg-

ends community involves millions of dollars, and there's teams from all over the world."

Kaid said he hopes members of the group can compete at tournaments and win cash prizes.

Senate swore in Inclusion Representative senior Sasha Quarles. Quarles is a psychology major with a minor in child and family studies, is a bridge in South Complex, a member of Spiritually Involved Sisters Together Achieving Harmony and was previously an associate member working with the inclusion and organizational affairs committees.

Quarles said she wanted to get involved in Senate when the inclusion representative positions were created.

"This is actually something that I wanted to do last year when the bylaws were going through, and I purposefully gave up a lot of other positions because it was something that I was passionate about," Quarles said.

Student voters could have big impact on local elections

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Although the number of Northwest students who vote is unknown, they are capable of having a significant impact on the midterm election Nov. 6 in Nodaway County.

American Northwest students made up 31 percent of Nodaway residents over the age of 18 in 2017, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. According to the Missouri Secretary of State's website, Nodaway County had a 72.55 percent voter turnout in 2016, the sixth highest in the state and 11.15 percent higher than the national average.

This could indicate one of two things: either non-students in Nodaway have an abnormally high voter turnout, or Northwest students turn out to vote significantly more than their peers, in spite of many students voting in their home state or county and not counting toward the Nodaway numbers.

According to a 2017 Tufts University study, nationally, college student voter turnout was below 50 percent in 2016.

Sophomore Anna DeTienne said she is not planning on voting this year because she doesn't feel informed enough to vote.

"I wasn't planning on it because I'm not the type of person that gets into voting," DeTienne said. "Another thing is that I have no clue about the stances people are talking about, and I have no need to find out. If I did know or someone told me more about it, then I would probably consider voting."

Sophomore Jasper Logan said he plans on voting because he wants to see the changes under the current administration continue.

"I plan to vote in the midterms because over the past two years, we have seen record low unemployment, tax cuts, judicial appointees and more," Logan said. "I believe it is important to elect congressmen who will fight to continue advancing President Trump's agenda in Washington, as well as local and state officials who will represent Missouri values."

Although it is not guaranteed

that all students who are registered will vote, more than 1,200 Northwest students registered to vote through a Student Senate sponsored TurboVote link in Canvas.

Governmental Affairs Co-Chair Grace McCarty said TurboVote was successfully used to help students register to vote in the 2016 election, so the committee decided to use it again.

"The numbers were very high for such a small scale," McCarty said. "When we came into this position just this semester, we weren't sure about midterm elections, so we reached out to the past chairs and they suggested we use TurboVote to really get it on campus."

Co-Chair sophomore Kirayle Jones said the committee began working with TurboVote over the summer.

"We had a few conference calls during the summer," Jones said. "It was a pretty painless process, there were just many meetings where we had to talk about how this would actually work on our campus."

McCarty said the most complicated part of the process was finalizing the contract.

"There was a part that wasn't legal with the state of Missouri," McCarty said. "So we had to have (Kori) Hoffman come in and look over it and rewrite it, and we had to send it back to TurboVote for it to eventually go through."

Jones said he was ecstatic about the number of students who registered.

"It was amazing; we went in with our original goal being 700," Jones said. "Last week when we looked at the numbers and it was over 1,200 we were like, 'Holy smokes.'"

McCarty said the next steps for the committee now that registration is closed, are to educate students about the initiatives on the ballot and encourage students to get to the polls Nov. 6.

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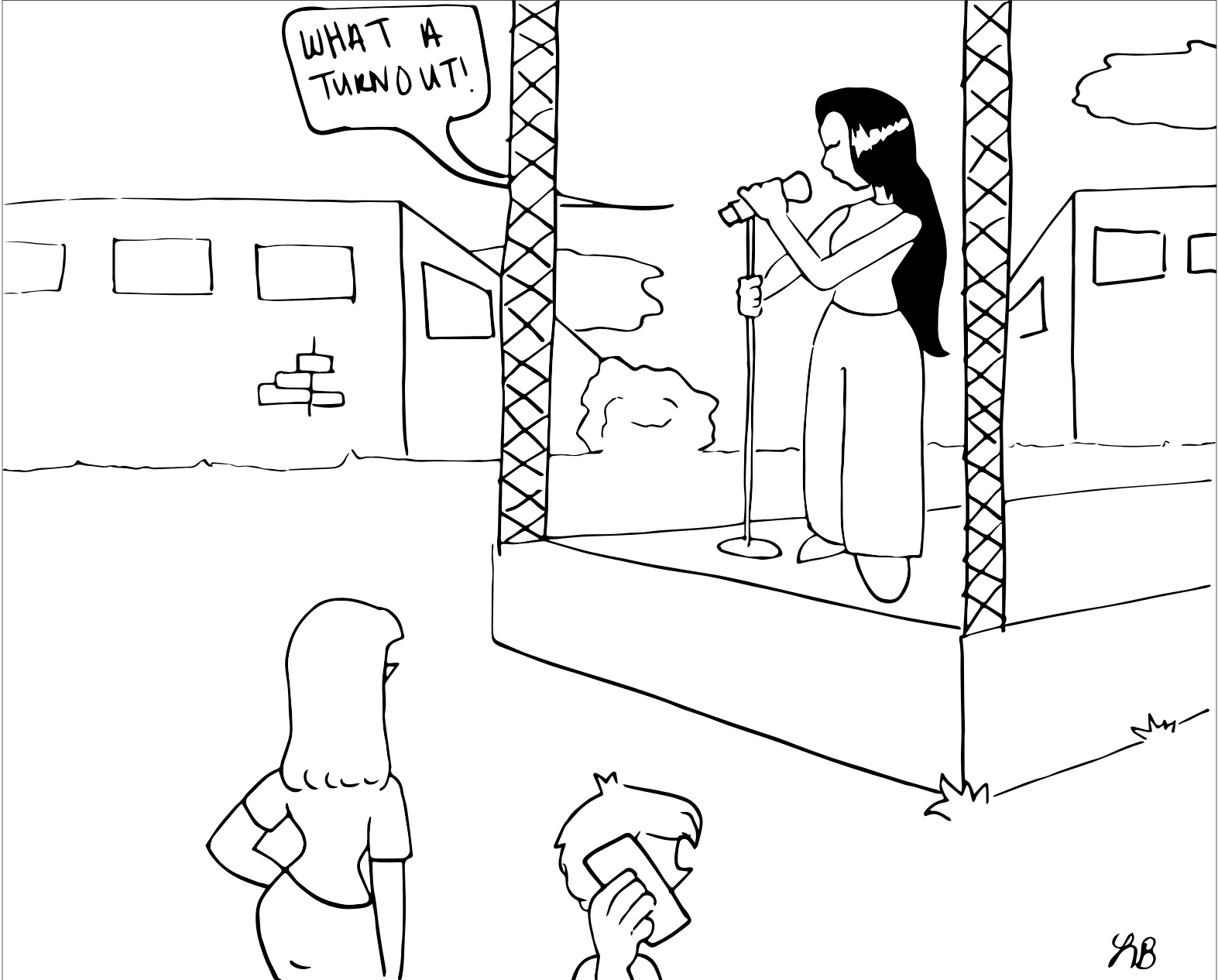
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OUR VIEW:

Students should attend SAC events

There are a few staples in Northwest’s culture: football games and Student Activities Council concerts. SAC consistently tries to provide a concert that would be enjoyable for all. They run online surveys, constantly asking for input on what needs to change and what people want to see in the upcoming semester.

Last year, we took thee surveys and asked for a music festival in hopes of bringing more genre diversity to our campus. Now that it has come and gone, it’s obvious that the ones who need to change are us as students. If we ask for something this large and this hard to plan, there should be much higher participation.

Despite all of these attempts, we still refuse to get out and in-

volve ourselves in student events like the concert and the music festival. This is most prevalent in our rate of attendance.

With its Vibin’ in the ‘Ville festival, SAC provided everything students have begged for. They didn’t make the headliner a country artist, they had planned for food trucks to be there and even provided beer on campus for those old enough. Yet, the turn out was still low.

Even if people didn’t know the headliner or didn’t want to pay for the ticket, they could have easily gone to the free music festival that was hosted during the day.

These concerts are provided through our tuition and we should get our money’s worth. SAC routinely tries to provide concert opportunities for us that we will en-

joy, but we brush it off.

SAC Concert Director Emily Elliott said that there is only so much SAC can do.

“Our country concerts always have larger numbers but that’s because the community wants to be involved with country concerts because that’s what the community of Maryville listens to,” Elliott said. “But I brought pop R&B. Pop R&B is the number one choice by far from students on the surveys I sent out. In the end, it’s not my job to put on a concert for the community, it’s to put on a concert for the students.”

The SAC concert committee, the local artists and University art students spent countless hours, effort and creativity to bring a music festival to Northwest for the stu-

dents. The students did not show.

Bearcats need to come together and support fellow Bearcats. Sure, it might be uncomfortable to go to a music festival when the music is unfamiliar, but that’s part of the sought-after college experience.

To be a Bearcat means to connect, to get involved and collaborate. So Bearcats, the next time SAC puts on a free event, which is paid for by our tuition, we ought to support our fellow classmates and go.

If we don’t start attending the concerts SAC puts so much effort into planning, then there may not be concerts for us to go to later. SAC shouldn’t have to spend that money on a stage for an audience that won’t show up.

Roberta bathrooms deserve updates



There are plenty of stories about Roberta Hall being haunted, but the truly terrifying stories lie outside the realm of the paranormal and within the walls: the bathrooms.

I lived in Roberta last year and believe me when I say women probably have some of the most disgusting bathroom habits. We are goop hoarders. We have goop for our faces, our hair and every body part imaginable. On top of that, the bathrooms do not get cleaned too often, or at least mine didn’t.

It is no wonder the University is setting aside money to renovate the sorority dorm bathrooms.

Roberta is the oldest dorm on

campus and it shows. The bathroom paint is peeling and the showers are not exactly state of the art. They leak, the labels are not always right, some get cold when you turn the faucet toward what should be hot and the water pressure leaves much to be desired. Again, that’s just the showers.

In my old bathroom, nestled with Roberta Room 117, the counter top was stained and scorched from makeup, hair straighteners and curlers and the side was peeling as a result of steam from hot showers.

Sure, sorority women are not exactly known to be kind to our bathrooms and showers. We try to wash off mountains of glitter on Bid Day alone. I hate to think about what those shower drains would say if they could speak.

I have to give props to Residential Life, though. The Director of

Residential Life, Rose Viau, wants to give the option of picking the paint and tiles to the women who actually live in the dorm.

Personally, I think each hall, bathrooms included, should be done in the color scheme of the sorority that lives there. It would add a splash of color and vibrancy in an already lively, active dorm. I can imagine a bathroom colored in rich blue and crisp white for Alpha Delta Pi or lavender and maroon for Sigma Kappa.

While I do not live in Roberta anymore, I have plenty of sisters who do this year and more who will move in next year.

I hope the University takes this opportunity to think of other ways to update the oldest dorm on campus. Perhaps they could take off the 10 layers of paint on the walls and give it a fresh makeover.

Sitting alone takes time to digest



Many people, particularly underclassmen, are often crippled by the fear of eating alone in the Union.

They enter that intimidating dining area with their food dangerously close to slipping from their nervous, sweaty palms and their eyes rapidly scanning the crowd for a face they recognize, often to the great dismay that there is not a familiar face in sight.

Alternatively, the proactive bunch rushes to the safety of their pre-organized group at their pre-planned table with a recognizable look of relief.

This dark, negative notion of sitting alone, being uncomfortable and

unacceptable is entirely unnecessary.

Eating alone in the Union is not that terrifying. There is neither a monster waiting to pounce on the weak and alone, nor a middle school bully prowling for victims.

There is no reason to be uncomfortable, ashamed or self-conscious while trying to simply enjoy some chicken nuggets or other Union delicacies, whether that be alone or in the company of friends.

Eating is a necessary part of life. In what I’m sure is a very busy and stressful life, sometimes it’s necessary to prioritize efficiency over socializing. With time already in short supply, it is unrealistic to constantly coordinate that limited schedule with someone else or risk spending far longer than necessary making small talk at a table.

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University revamps student mobile app

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The Northwest mobile app is back on the IOS market after being down for nearly two years.

When Apple released IOS 10, the programming language used to code IOS was switched from Objective C to Groovy or Swift. Manager of Enterprise Solutions Girija Chavala said this caused the Northwest app to break.

The Northwest app allows students to have quick access to basic functions on CatPaws, as well as campus information such as a map and links to various other Northwest sites.

“It was offline for a while because it wasn’t functioning with the new operating system, so we had to go ahead and take it down and upgrade the system to what the current operating system is on IOS,” Chavala said.

Chavala said the main problem was with the functionality of the CatPaws component. Northwest uses a third party vendor for CatPaws. Chavala said the third party was aware of the changes at least six months before IOS 10 was released.

“We had been asking them ‘Are you guys ready, can we use your (application programming interfaces) to do this?’” Chavala said.

Northwest was not ready for the switch, but neither was the third party.

“Unfortunately, it’s not just us; the third party was not prepared either. It was kind of a domino effect because they were not prepared and our hands are tied,” Chavala said.

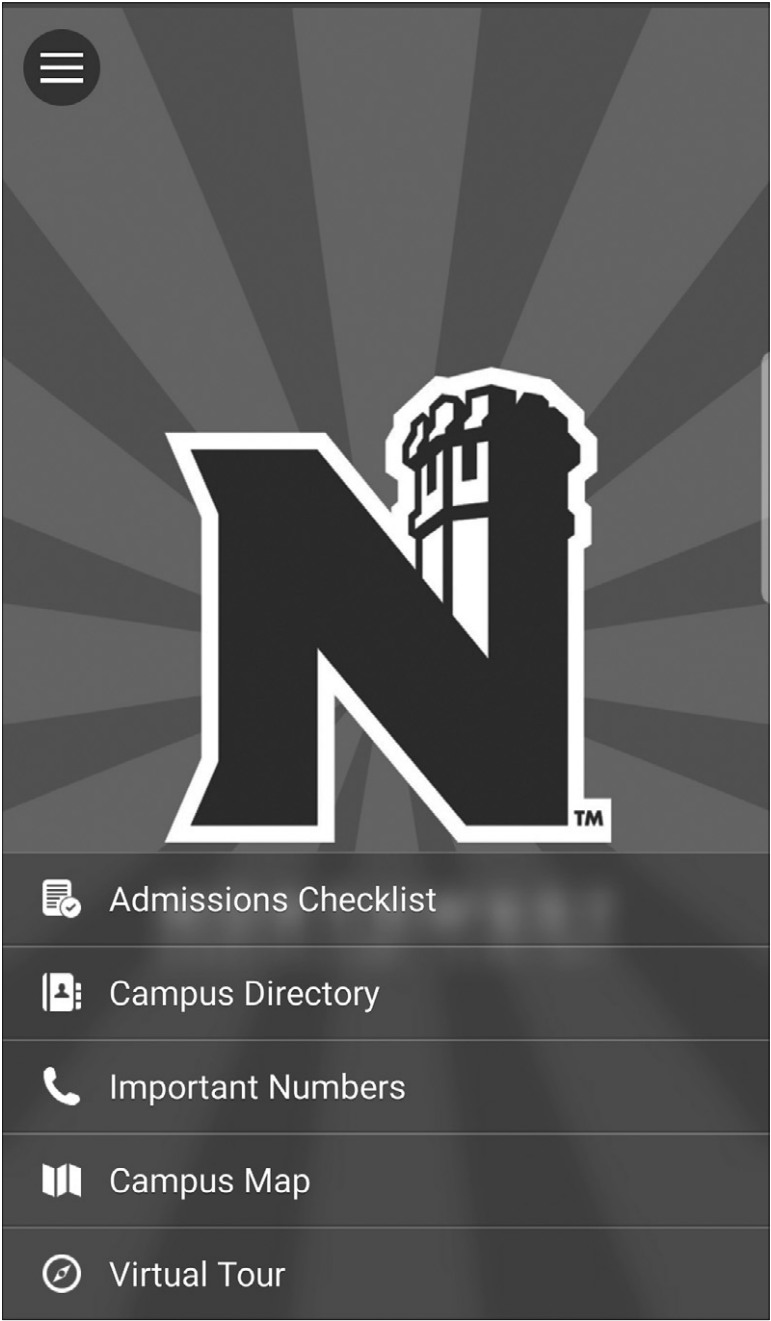
Once IOS 10 was released, Chavala made attempts to tell the third party the issues the app was having.

“The thing is, we have been in touch with them and telling them what the problem was but they kept saying ‘This is the least priority on our end,’” Chavala said.

Over the next two years Chavala worked on the Northwest app, while the third party worked on updating CatPaws. Eventually, the app was updated with additional functionality.

The update to app included a quick access screen and an extensive update to the CatPaws section.

The quick access page has admissions information, a campus



SCREENSHOT | NW MOBILE APP

Northwest has revamped and relaunched the Northwest app after being down for almost two years due to IOS system changes.

map, campus directory and important phone numbers.

The CatPaws section allows students to view any holds and their account balance. There is also a new section for notifications. Chavala said this new section will allow Northwest to message specific people, groups of people or the entire student body.

Chavala also said that there is a new feature for class registration that will be released very soon.

“If you want to register for a class, add a class, drop a class, we have done developing for but the registrar’s office is testing it now,” Chavala said.

Chavala said that there is an entire revamp of CatPaws coming in the near future.

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FALL CONCERT CONTINUED FROM A1

The SAC fall concert last year, Chase Rice, sold 1,700 tickets. Dino said country performers tend to bring in more people because the majority of the Maryville community listens to country music.

“We really tried to cater to student wants. We were told by polling that students didn’t want another country event, we had several back to back to country events,” Dino said. “The problem with that is the rural community around us won’t come if it’s not a country event is what we’re finding. The local community is more likely to support it if it’s a country artist.”

Elliott did not bring in a country artist to headline the music festival because she based her selection off of a survey sent out to students last January, asking what genre students wanted next.

“In my position as a concert director for Student Activities Council, my job is to provide a concert for the student, not for the community,” Elliott said. “It’s not my job to provide a concert for the community, this is for the students and I did exactly what the students wanted. I brought them exactly what genre was number one and I did my job and I did it well.”

Students pay \$3 per credit hour for the student activities fee, which goes to SAC to help fund events.

“I would hope that students seek out everything that SAC does with their student activity fee and go and take advantage of those things,” Dino said. “I get that they had to pay \$10 to go to this event but you’re ultimately paying every time you take a credit hour so you should take advantage of everything that is made available to you using your money. Go to everything, make it worth your money.”

HvZ CONTINUED FROM A1

“People know what we are. People have heard of HvZ, but just whenever you ask somebody if they want to play or not, it’s always ‘If you don’t have blasters, no,’” Kendall said.

“Or, ‘No, I don’t have time for that.’ Or, ‘That sounds really cool, but I don’t think I would do it,’ you know, just some excuse every time as to why they just didn’t want to always happened.”

Humans vs. Zombies Safety Officer and junior Rachel Francisco said she has made a lot of relationships through the club and is going to miss having that ability to connect with people.

“It’s something that we considered a rite of passage for freshmen to go through and experience because it’s something that is a way to let loose,” Francisco said. “That was kind of lost over the years because of everything. But meeting those people and gaining those friendships is what I’m going to miss probably most.”

Kendall said it would be difficult for the club to come back at this point.

“Not unless they lift the ban on Blasters, because it was hard enough to continue going when we already had a player base and our name was out there, but now if they

tried to come back from nothing it would be a big task,” Kendall said. “They would have their work cut out for them for sure.”

The University Police Department and Humans vs Zombies did work together but Green said, in the end, there was no way they could go on allowing Blasters on campus.

“They have reached out to us and we tried to work it out,” Green said. “But, there was limited room for negotiation because we have to look out for the safety and security of the entire campus. Having folks with bulk items running around campus was not good. You can call them Blasters but they have the imagery of weaponry and that was creating a phobic type of response in our community and it just wasn’t worth it.”

Francisco agreed with Kendall saying that it would be hard for the group to come back because they have done everything they can to keep the group up and running.

“It’s very unlikely we have tried everything imaginable,” Francisco said. “I mean it has been a long fought battle to try and get Blasters back on campus. We’ve probably seen almost antagonistic towards the UPD because we just kept trying and trying to push this. But, the stories kept changing about why they had put this ban in place and it’s just, it’s a mess, so we decided to let the battle go.”

Blotters for the week of Oct. 25

Maryville Public Safety

Oct. 10

A summons was issued to **Barbara Bliley**, 55, for driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain right half of the roadway at the 400 block of East Edwards Street.

Oct. 12

A summons was issued to **Taylor Hendrickson**, 22, for driving while intoxicated and failure to stop at a posted stop sign at the 600 block of North Buchanan Street.

A summons was issued to **Jeffrey Walters Jr.**, 20, from Liberty, Missouri, for minor in possession and possession of a fake I.D. at the 300 block of East Fourth Street.

Oct. 13

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 200 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 2100 block of South Main Street.

Oct. 14

A summons was issued to **Carson Ellerbrake**, 18, from Panama, Nebraska, for minor in possession and possession of marijuana at the 100 block of North Main Street.

A summons was issued to **Bryce Weber**, 19, from Liberty, Missouri, for failure to obey a traffic signal and possession of a fake I.D at the 100 block of North Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 700 block of West Jenkins.

Oct. 15

A summons was issued to **Ethan Karr**, 19, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

A summons was issued to **Denise Heavilin**, 18, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

Oct. 16

A summons was issued to **Donald Lukehart Jr.** 32, from St. Joseph, Missouri, for wanted on

warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

Oct. 17

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 100 block of South Grand Avenue.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 1500 block of East South Avenue.

Oct. 18

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 800 block of University Drive.

Oct. 19

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny from a motor vehicle at the 600 block of East Seventh Street.

Oct. 22

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 500 block of East Davison Square.

A summons was issued to **Thomas Howard**, 23, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

There is an open investigation for stealing at Dietrich Hall.

There is an open investigation for stealing at the Foster Fitness Center.

Oct. 19

There is an open investigation for stealing at Lot 42.

Oct. 20

There was a closed investiga-

tion for liquor law violation at Dietrich Hall.

Oct. 21

There was a closed investigation for liquor law violation at South Complex.

Oct. 22

There is an open investigation for second-degree sexual abuse in the B.D. Owens Library.

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Oct. 16

There is an open investigation for stealing at Tower Suite East.

Oct. 18

There is was a closed investigation for stealing at Sycamore Apartments.

APPROPRIATIONS

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HOROSCOPE

By MetroCreative

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, if you want to be a pioneer, you have to trust yourself and take some risks. Find ways to expand your social circle and attend as many events as you can.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Do not worry about pleasing everyone, Taurus. Doing so is impossible and will zap you of the energy you need to devote to those who truly matter to you. Value their opinions.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
You are in an amorous mood this week, Gemini. Focus your energy on romantic plans. Develop an idea for a dinner as a couple, or a friends’ night out with others.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, if you want to improve your bottom line, you may need to seek the advice of a professional. Make an appointment to see how to better manage your funds.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, keep close friends close, but see if there are any opportunities to widen your network. Networking is an important skill to master. It could serve you well.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, it is okay to make mistakes if it is a matter of personal growth. Sometimes the most valuable lessons are learned by making a mistake and correcting it.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Family ties have you pulled in one direction when you may have your eyes focused in another, Libra. With some careful shuffling, you can likely find a balance.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Awkward situations give you the opportunity to think on your feet and find amenable solutions to problems, Scorpio. Don’t underestimate the advantages of this skill.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
A few changes may be heading your way, Sagittarius. These are nothing you cannot handle with grace. Look for opportunities for growth with anything that comes your way.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, sometimes the best ideas come when you aren’t focused on finding solutions to problems. Keep an open mind and all types of different ideas can arrive.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Certain things are inevitable, Aquarius. But you can adapt to many different situations and make them work for you. Do not be scared off by larger projects on the horizon.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, channel your creative energy into something lucrative this week. This may be just what you need to turn a passion into a career.

Fantasy Football Scoring Leaders

By Espn

2018 Season

Todd Gurley II, LAR RB	206.6
Patrick Mahomes, KC QB	190.9
Saquon Barkley, NYG RB	183.5
Adam Thielen, MIN WR	179.2
Matt Ryan, ATL QB	170.1
Melvin Gordon, LAC RB	162.5
Alvin Kamara, NO RB	158.5
Tyreek Hill, KC WR	157.0
Andrew Luck, IND QB	148.4
Philip Rivers, LAC QB	146.2
Kareem Hunt, KC RB	145.8
Kirk Cousins, MIN QB	144.9
James White, NE RB	143.9
Drew Brees, NO QB	142.8
James Conner, PIT RB	141.0

Week 8

Kareem Hunt, KC RB	37.1
Patrick Mahomes, KC QB	32.8
Marlon Mack, IND RB	31.9
Mitchell Trubisky, CHI QB	31.4
Todd Gurley II, LAR RB	30.6
James White, NE RB	29.7
Odell Beckham JR, NYG WR	28.2
Trey Burton, CHI TE	27.6
Emmanuel Sanders, DEN WR	27.3
Saquon Barkley, NYG RB	26.4
John Brown, BAL WR	26.4
Adam Thielen, MIN WR	26.0
Jarvis Landry, CLE WR	25.7
Cam Newton, CAR QB	25.7
Zach Ertz, PHI TE	22.8

NWM PET OF THE WEEK

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Age: 2.5

Likes: Snuggles and Licking Noses

Dislikes: Poeple who won’t play with her and obnoxious people
Favorite Food: Bananas

Fun Fact: Franny is very crafty at stealing my food & beverages. Definitely not picky

Franny

The Skeletwins



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CROSSWORD

By MetroCreative

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Rhythmic patterns
- 7. Ethical theory
- 13. Nightclub
- 14. Upsets
- 16. Type of railroad
- 17. Home of The Beatles
- 19. Political organization
- 20. Disgraced cyclist Armstrong
- 22. Seven
- 23. Enlarges hole
- 25. Some are big
- 26. August __, German socialist
- 28. Unappetizing food
- 29. Cast out
- 30. Adult male
- 31. After uno
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 34. Kenyan settlement
- 36. Oxygen deprived
- 38. British writer
- 40. Synchronizes solar and lunar time
- 41. Vehemently expressed
- 43. Hurt
- 44. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 45. Gradually weaken
- 47. Cool!
- 48. Touch softly
- 51. Israeli city
- 53. Indicating silence
- 55. Protein-rich liquids
- 56. Tropical Asian plants
- 58. A very small circular shape
- 59. Type of wrap
- 60. Potato state
- 61. Spinning toy
- 64. Type of degree
- 65. Ornamental molding
- 67. Closes again
- 69. Verses
- 70. Rise up

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Spanish seaport
- 2. Equal to one quintillion (abbr.)
- 3. Powders
- 4. One of the “Great” ones

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- 5. Increase motor speed
- 6. “E.T.” director
- 7. Caught sight of
- 8. Congressional investigative body
- 9. Aroma
- 10. Runs without moving
- 11. Southeast
- 12. About remembering
- 13. Slang for famous person
- 15. Potential criminal
- 18. Body part
- 21. All over the place
- 24. Conqueror
- 26. Actress Ling
- 27. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 30. Distributes
- 32. Golfing legend Sam
- 35. Laos musical instrument
- 37. Open payment initiative
- 38. Having no fixed course
- 39. Type of dog
- 42. Digital audiotape
- 43. Hit lightly
- 46. San Diego ballplayers
- 47. Stop working
- 49. Suitable for growing crops
- 50. Musical groups
- 52. Soft
- 54. Lowest point of a ridge
- 55. Beloved late TNT broadcaster
- 57. Thin strip to align parts
- 59. Cardinal number
- 62. Frozen water
- 63. One who is incredibly special
- 66. Rhodium
- 68. Top lawyer in the land

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By Krazydad.com

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Northwest Vibes

Student Activities Council embraces local talent

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As the Student Activities Council prepared for its first music festival, the organization didn't need to look far for talent.

"I really reached out to the community," SAC Concert Director Emily Elliott said. "I reached out to the people at the Office of Student Involvement and was just 'Who do you know?'"

While the headliner for the concert was Bazzi, the rest of the festival was comprised of local vendors and performers. Many of the musical acts had ties to the Northwest community, either sharing the same high school as many Bearcats, appearing on shows such as "Northwest Sessions" or being former students of the University.

For the Kansas City based band A Greater Tomorrow, Vibin' in the 'Ville wasn't their first time playing in Maryville. They appeared on an episode of KNWT/Channel 8's "Northwest Sessions" in 2017.

"Andy told me, he's my guitarist, 'Hey, we're playing in Maryville,'" Gentry Cline, the bass player for A Greater Tomorrow, said. "I got excited because I played in Maryville before, and I asked what kind of show it was, because every show is different, and he said we were going to be in a dope music festival."

One former student was the self-proclaimed "environmental rapper" Esai Saenz.

"I wanted to coin the term 'environmental rapper' to give the hip-hop community a voice for protecting the planet and animal rights and stuff like that," Saenz said.

Saenz attended Northwest in 2015 as a mass media major. After two years he transferred to Missouri Western University to study film. He works with the Netflix show "Queer Eye" as a graphic designer.

During his time at Northwest, Saenz was roommates with another Vibin' in the 'Ville performer, J. Rich.

"So, J. Rich and I have known each other since middle school," Saenz said. "We lived in Dietrich together, and we were making music all the time."

Seeing his former roommate is partly what drew Saenz into doing the festival.

"We actually got to stay in Dietrich last night after mic checks and everything and it was so cool to see the new RAs, the people who live there," Saenz said. "It was like coming full circle."

The local talent wasn't just limited to the music. The vendor's tent was comprised of Northwest art students who sold handmade items from jewelry to pottery.

Art education sophomore Sam Grigsby worked on his pottery since the second week of school.

"I do wheel throwing," Grigsby said. "Basically, I throw down

the clay to make a plate and then with the glazes I look online for what looks cool. Though even after you find a glaze you like, it turns out different once you put it on. It even looks different on different objects."

"I basically opened it [the vendor's tent] to art club and was just like 'Hey, this is an opportunity for you guys if you're interested. You should do this because I'm trying to make this big,'" Elliott said.

Despite the turnout for Vibin' in the 'Ville being lower than SAC had hoped, Elliott wasn't disappointed.

"I had happy people," Elliott said. "They were way more hyped than last year. They were jumping. They were screaming. They were singing. They were dancing. It's what students wanted and in my position, what I am supposed to do is provide a concert for the students."

While the numbers may not show how much of a success the festival was, Elliott said the circumstances surrounding the concert could have affected the numbers.

"It was right after Homecoming," Elliott said. "So everyone who went and partied over Homecoming were tired and went home."

She also credits the low attendance to the community's lack of interest.

"Our country concerts always have larger numbers but that's because the community wants to be involved with country concerts because that's what the community of Maryville listens to," Elliott said. "But I brought pop R&B. Pop R&B is the number one choice by far from students on the surveys I sent out. In the end, it's not my job to put on a concert for the community, it's to put on a concert for the students."

Elliott wanted more local flavor than what showed up.

"I contacted the vendors," Elliott said. "There wasn't really a technique or anything of how I did that. I did what I could. We had a food truck not show up and a flower truck not show up. We had a lot of problems with the outdoor festival and our vendors. In the future I'll need to make sure I have the vendors sooner than I did and make sure we are all on the same page."

The food that did appear was a small beer garden, a concession stand and Kool Kats, who gave out free shaved ice for festival goers.

"I thought too big," Elliott said. "But this is a starting point. It can only grow from here."

Elliott said she hopes in the future the fall concert and music festival will be two different events.

"I'm going to try and encourage the next concert director and SAC to make this two separate events," Elliott said. "So maybe doing the fall concert in the spring and having the festival in the fall or something."



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Hip-Hop and R&B artist ESAI, from Kansas City, Missouri, was one of six performers at the outdoor music festival. ESAI's music is inspired by his passion for preserving the planet, as can be made out on the front of his hoodie.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Cory Jacobson hands a free Kool Kats shaved ice to friend Alicia Smith during the Vibin' in the 'Ville music festival Saturday, Oct. 20. Smith's dog Sully also came along to enjoy the free festival.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Melody Monroe, senior ceramics major, was one of several student vendors selling artwork at the music festival. Monroe sold a variety of ceramics including necklaces, earrings and planters.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Meta, a hip-hop and rap artist from Kansas City, Missouri, performs at the Vibin' in the 'Ville outdoor music festival, hosted by Student Activities Council Oct. 20.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Easton Waldeier and cousin Braxton Blackford focus on painting pumpkins during the Harvest Festival hosted by Northwest's Up 'til Dawn Friday, Oct. 19 at Dot Family Farm. Up 'til Dawn is a nationwide organization that raises money to benefit St. Jude to help children like Blackford's little sister, Ava (not pictured), who lost her eyesight following treatment for a brain tumor.

Up 'til Dawn hosts fall festival

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There's nothing like hayrides, caramel apples and pumpkin painting to bring in the fall season. Families, friends and students helped St. Jude's Up 'til Dawn organization bring in a new year of fall festivities and fundraising during the Harvest Festival Oct. 19.

The local Dot Family Farm swarmed with community families and Northwest students alike as the night carried on with fun games and activities for the children, dancing and karaoke for the vibrant at heart and much more.

The grassy hills were dotted with children at play, as parents watched, huddled by cozy fire pits. Caramel and candied apples sprang from every hand as more newcomers joined the festivities by the minute. Costumed children embraced

their favorite characters, strutting in their getups to be the best in the barn.

While the night was one of good times, great music and wonderful memories, the Harvest Festival's purpose was one to admire as Up 'til Dawn was hard at work. With tickets priced at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, the event was one of many events reaching toward the goal for the St. Jude's Research Hospital.

President senior Carina Harding and Fundraising Director senior Micaela Schoening have been members of Up 'til Dawn since their freshman year at Northwest.

"My family had always donated to St. Jude and I knew it was a great organization," Schoening said. "It held a close place in my heart. I am also an elementary education major and love working with kids. It was

a way for me to give back to things I care about."

With the help of Schoening, Harding also became a member of Up 'til Dawn soon after.

"When I came to college, I didn't know much about St. Jude," Harding said. "But then I saw her (Schoening) get involved through our sorority, so I learned the mission and values of St. Jude and fell in love with it."

Up 'til Dawn is a fundraising organization, hosting a variety of events, such as the Harvest Festival to raise money for the St. Jude Research Hospital.

"Teams of students get together, six people to a team and raise \$600 together, and they get together that night to celebrate their fundraising and stay up with us until 6 a.m.," Harding said. "It's a competition between the teams and staying up

for the kids. And all these events, like the Harvest Festival, are small things that lead up to the big event Up 'til Dawn."

With a goal of \$40,000 fund-raised for the school year, Up 'til Dawn is nearly halfway to its goal with a little under \$19,000. The organization has made strides through the semester.

The Harvest Festival took plenty of planning and motivation from Schoening, who was the mastermind behind the event. The event raised \$780 towards its initial goal.

"This is the first year we've done this," Schoening said. "I had the connections and it was something I really wanted to do, and I think it turned out well."

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Local horror podcast sends chills

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Bringing both thrills, chills and a dose of laughter to the many listeners, the podcast "The Right Wrong Turn" has been building up its download credibility.

The podcast changed its focus from local paranormal and true crime stories to stories around the country, but since its inception Feb. 9 it still maintains its jesting banter between the creators.

The lively voices behind the weekly horror podcast belong to sophomores political science major Tyler Bears and writing major and advertising minor Mason Arnold.

"The Right Wrong Turn" has gone through many changes since its release including multiple logos, a shop for their fans, a new intro, mashup episodes and being available on a variety of platforms such as Spotify, iTunes and Google Play.

The podcast slowly gained more downloads every week as it continued its Friday updates, reaching multiple places around the world like the United Kingdom, Sweden and even Malaysia.

It wasn't until Arnold and Bears stayed at the haunted castle in Brumley, Missouri, for episode 27 that they truly began to see their downloads skyrocket though.

"It was like our breakthrough



moment," Arnold said. "We hit the ceiling a little bit and after that event we just kind of broke through that glass ceiling so to speak."

Bears immediately responded to Arnold's statement.

"Yeah, we're like Hillary Clinton breaking that glass ceiling," Bears said.

With the "ceiling" broken, the podcast really started to grow.

"I would say we were staying

pretty consistent before Brumley, but then after that we went from like 1,000 downloads to 2,000 downloads," Bears said.

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THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat wants cooler residence halls

University buildings now have the heat running to combat the cold, but the temperature is set too high. The residence halls are the worst.

I'm surprised that drastically changing from shivering to sweating each time I step through the door hasn't made me sick yet.

The outdoor weather calls for long pants, but I always have to change into shorts when I'm inside. I can't afford the time it takes to

change my clothes. I don't always have the time between classes.

Wearing more than one outfit per day requires more clothes than I have in my dorm. The obvious solution would be to wash my laundry, but I can't do that when all the washing machines are full and nobody knows how to set a timer for 30 minutes to know when to dry their clothes.

I have to sleep with the window

open now. Being a light sleeper, I've just gotten used to my roommate's snoring, but now, outside noises wake me up during the night.

It's either that or waking up in a pool of sweat. I can't afford to wash my bedsheets every day.

One of my friends told me I shouldn't ever wear a jacket if I don't want to suffocate and sweat every time I go inside.

Sometimes the weather calls for

a jacket, though.

Still, the last week has been warm enough for me to walk around outside in a sleeveless top and shorts, but I still feel like I'm suffocating when I'm inside.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

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Mental health clinics have larger presence

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Wellness Services has seen an increase in attendance at its workshops over the last few weeks. The wide variety of clinics was created in response to the growing number of students experiencing mental health crises.

In the sixth and seventh weeks of the semester, some workshops have seen six to 10 attendees. More students participated in workshops Oct. 12 when there were no classes, showing that conflicting class schedules can be a reason for low attendance.

Assistant Director of Wellness Services in Prevention, Outreach and Education BK Taylor explained the workshops were scheduled based on the specialization needed for each type of training.

"As we scheduled these, we took all the data we had," Taylor said. "What were the programs that we identified as a need, what types of experts were needed to run these programs, and when is the best available time for the students and the programmers to make this happen? We produced the best product we could at the time."

According to Graduate Assistant of Wellness Services in Prevention, Outreach and Education Kayleigh Peregrine, the starting goal was to have at least 10 students at each workshop. She is glad to see they are starting to reach that number.

"We have plans in the works," Peregrine said. "It's about fine tuning communication (about the workshops). We want people to know that they're out there."

The rate of students seeking help from counselors has increased exponentially. The Wellness Center can't respond at such high levels, so Assistant Director of Wellness Services in Counseling Kristen Peltz researched a new philosophy regarding stepped care.

Taylor explained the new philosophy in contrast to the idea of health services being a single stop.

"A counselor is one of many tools to cultivate your well-being," Taylor said. "The truth is that there's a lot between here and there. Let's say you have some anxiety for giving a presentation for a public speaking course; that doesn't necessarily need a counselor. So we created all these workshops to give space for students to get different kinds of help or to find different kinds of tools to help themselves, which is really our ultimate goal."

Wellness Services believes that all students have the tools to help themselves. The workshops are designed to show students how to utilize these skills.

"Maybe by going to Open Mic Night and sharing your experiences with anxiety, you not only help the people around you, but you help yourself," Taylor said. "That's the vision and dream behind the process."

Open Mic Night is a monthly event Wellness Services hosts to allow students to share an art, whether it be singing an original song, singing a karaoke song, performing a poem, freestyle rapping or doing stand-up comedy.

Sophomore Lizzy Herrick was a participant in Open Mic Night Oct. 18 and she hadn't heard of any of the Wellness Workshops. She heard about Open Mic Night via a poster in Garrett-Strong and suggests the same for the workshops.

"I would say maybe making a poster of it and put it up around campus on the bulletin boards if you're looking at promoting that more," Herrick said. "I feel like a lot of students would utilize that more."

A complication that arises with the workshops is confusion about the locations of workshops.

On the Northwest website, the "Dare to Self Care" workshop is listed to be in the Alumni Dining Room in the J.W. Jones Student Union, but the October calendar stated that the workshop was held in the Station.

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Northwest volleyball clinched a spot in the MIAA Tournament with a three-set sweep over Lindenwood Oct. 19. It hosts Missouri Southern at 6 p.m. Oct. 26 in Bearcat Arena. ANDREW WEGLEY | NW MISSOURIAN

‘Cats continue strong MIAA play

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Northwest volleyball clinched an MIAA postseason berth after a sweep over conference opponent Lindenwood Oct. 19.



The Bearcats (19-6) traveled to St. Charles to take on the conference rival Lions (13-11) knowing that with a victory, they would secure their spot in the upcoming MIAA tournament. While this is just the beginning of the goals Northwest has set for itself coming into the season, it is a good stepping stone in the right direction.

Although this was only the 13th meeting between the two schools, Northwest has proven that they have the upper hand when facing the Lions on the volleyball court. The all-time record between the two schools has been dominated by the Bearcats at 10-3.

The Bearcats had standout performances from sophomores Morgan Lewis, recording a season-high 11 kills with a .588 hitting percentage and Maddy Ahrens completed a double-double with 37 assists and 12 digs.

“We had some early challenges throughout the first couple sets of the match,” coach Amy Woerth said. “A

“ This week is going to be a great opportunity for us to incorporate that next layer of our offense.

-Amy Woerth, head coach

couple early timeouts were called to diagnose the problems and get them fixed and ultimately caused us to win the match.”

Northwest completed the sweep against the Lions with a final score of 25-18, 25-20, 25-19 and moved to 6-0 in MIAA road games.

Northwest made the quick turnaround to face Central Missouri and the hostile Warrensburg crowd Oct. 20. The Bearcats had upset the Jennies early on in the season and knew they were going to come into the game firing on all cylinders.

The Bearcats jumped out to any early lead by winning the first set due to the .359 hitting per-

centage with 17 kills and a mere 3 errors. After this, it was all Jennies. Central Missouri rallied to win the next three sets and the match (20-25, 25-23, 25-16, 26-24). This loss was the first on the road for Northwest in MIAA play, coming with only four conference games left in the 2018 regular season.

“A big factor in the loss against Central Missouri was the home court advantage effect,” senior Sophia Schleppenbach said. “We struggled with the crowd’s impact on their home floor, and it’s something we couldn’t rebound from and take that momentum back.”

Northwest prepares itself to host a duo of home games Oct. 26-27 when

NEXT GAME

Northwest vs Missouri
Southern State
6 p.m. Oct. 26
Bearcat Arena

Missouri Southern and Southwest Baptist make the trek to Maryville in the final stretch of the MIAA season.

Both opponents sit at the bottom of the conference standings and haven’t proved to be tests for the Bearcats. Northwest had previously swept Missouri Southern earlier in the season while only dropping one set to Southwest Baptist in their 4-1 win.

Woerth views this week as one of the most important of the 2018 season. Strengthening offensive and defensive formations while installing systems to prepare the Bearcats for postseason play will determine the success for Northwest in the weeks to come.

“This week is going to be a great opportunity for us to incorporate that next layer of our offense,” Woerth said. “I want to be able to showcase that this weekend and mesh it together before we start our postseason run.”

NW FOOTBALL CONTINUED FROM A12

A team like the Riverhawks offer a chance to right the wrongs Wright saw against the Lions. Northeastern has struggled offensively ranking in the bottom 10 of Division II with 248.8 offensive yards per game.

A particular area the Bearcats will look to dominate is the ground game. They are allowing 79.9 rushing yards per game, the best mark in the MIAA. As good as Northwest has been stopping the run this year,

Northeastern has been equally bad at producing rushing yards.

The Riverhawks rank last in the MIAA in rushing yards per game at 82 and are allowing 299.3 yards on the ground. Taking advantage of the Northeastern run defense will help to sustain offensive movement throughout all four quarters.

Northwest totes the fourth best rushing attack in the MIAA with 197 yards per game, powered by a deep running back position and a physical offensive play style. An area that helps allow the physical style of play calling is the special teams for Northwest who have

been setting the Bearcats up in short fields often the last few games.

“Everytime we have a good return or punt return, every 10 yards we consider that a first down for the offense,” junior tight end Marcus Andrews said. “It (short fields) helps out a lot especially with the run game we have right now, our emphasis is getting four-plus (yards) on first down.”

Having all three areas (offense, defense and special teams) impact each other will play a crucial role in fulfilling the complete game the Bearcats are searching for against Northeastern.

MHS FOOTBALL CONTINUED FROM A12

For the Spoofhounds, the regular season is a dry run of sorts, one that prepares them for the playoffs. Maryville’s success over the last nine weeks has positioned it as No. 1 seed in postseason play, giving the team an opportunity for three more home games, provided the team keeps winning.

“Our conference has always been indicative for us feeling prepared for a good postseason run,” Webb said. “You play the regular

season to get prepared for a postseason tournament. Obviously, we’ve got a pretty good tradition of winning home football games at the ‘Hound Pound, so to be able to have home-field advantage through districts, playing three-straight games at home, that’s the goal.”

The Spoofhounds will play host the either Chillicothe or Benton next week, depending on the outcome of the game between the two schools. Maryville has faced each team this season, defeating the Hornets Sept. 7 by a score of 47-0 and cruising past the Cardinals Sept. 28 with a 58-8 win.

Still, Maryville won’t take any game for granted. With each play-off matchup comes a larger degree of uncertainty and a thinner margin for error.

“We’re really just going to take it one game at a time,” sophomore running back Aiden Cullin said. “We’re 0-0 again, so we just have to stay focused.”

From here on in, each game is a do-or-die situation of sorts for the Spoofhounds, each one carrying with it weights heavier than the week before. There are just two options in the postseason: win or go home.



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Junior's redemption run begins at conference

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Junior runner Karim Achengli finished his first season at Northwest in the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field National Championship 10,000-meter run, before a lost shoe ended his season with an unexpected 12th place finish.

Now Achengli seeks to put aside the minor hiccup from last Spring and close out the 2018 Bearcat cross country season back in nationals. He has been Northwest's No. 1 runner all season and has battled through early season injuries to get back in end-of-season shape.

The first step on Achengli's path is the MIAA Championships Nov. 3 in Emporia, Kansas. It is the same course Northwest competed at Oct. 19 in the ESU Homecoming invite. Having the conference meet on the same course it last competed on will ease the stress of the meet.

"They ran pretty well on that course, even for as crappy (muddy) as it was," coach Nick Gibson said. "Going into the conference race, if it is just as crappy they know they can still run well on it, but if it is



In his first season with Bearcat corss country, junior Karim Achengli seeks to build off his 12th place finish in the 2018 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships in May.

better conditions, they can run even better."

The size of the ESU invite allowed for the meet to serve as a simulated practice with 55 runners combined for both the men and

women. Using the meet to gauge how the course will run is something Achengli took total advantage of on his way to a first place finish in the 8K race.

"It is a good chance to chal-

lenge the field and see what is the place to push," Achengli said. "It is an advantage to run there before conference with all the other teams."

Following Achengli in the ESU

NEXT GAME

MIAA Championships
10 a.m. Nov. 3
Emporia, KS

invite were sophomores Max Martin in third place with a 27:50.3 and Tucker Dahle who rounded out the top five with a 28:27.7. Both the men and women took first place as teams, and the women's team managed a perfect score of 15 team points in the 6K, sweeping the top five positions.

Freshman Caroline Ross topped the results again for Northwest with a time of 20:07.8, edging out Senior Maria Mostek at 20:11.7 for first place. Seniors Katie Bush and Mikayla Engeman placed third and fourth with times of 20:12.7 and 20:19.4. Freshman Keely Danielson took a fifth place finish at 20:26.2.

The goals moving forward vary from athlete to athlete but for Gibson, it is clear what he wants to see at the conference meet from the team.

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Senior Brenden Ware looks to make a pass in Maryville's 10-0 first-round win over St. Joseph-Lafayette in the Class 2 District 16 tournament.

ALIA IRVIN | NW MISSOURIAN

Maryville to meet Savannah in Class 2 District 16 championship

TUCKER QUINN
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Maryville soccer began its district soccer run on a high note after smashing first round competition.

The Spoofhounds (11-3-1) showed no signs of mercy in their first game in the Class 2 District 16 tournament after scoring 10 goals and shutting out St. Joseph-Lafayette. The Fighting Irish (2-14) did not prove to be much of a threat to the 'Hounds in the regular season and history decided to repeat itself Oct. 23.

Senior forward Thomas Di-



Stefano scored the opening goal of the game in the 16th minute and from that point, it was all Spoofhounds. Five different Spoofhounds were able to contribute to the win, including DiStefano with five goals, junior midfielder Jayden Hayes with two and seniors Mason Walk and Will Mattock joined junior Jaxon Pettlon all with one goal each.

"It all comes down to playing our game," coach Dale Reuter said. "If we can go out, play our game and control the ball, I think we will be just fine throughout this tournament."

There was skepticism about

NEXT GAME

Maryville vs Savannah
4 p.m. Oct. 25
Maryville, MO

Maryville coming into the district tournament ranked as the No. 1 overall seed and it didn't seem to bother the 'Hounds after Tuesday's match. But senior defender Alex Gotszling doesn't want the confidence that is within the locker room to turn into cockiness.

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TRENT SPINNER
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After a heartbreaker in the Midland Empire Conference championship, the Maryville volleyball team is ready to fire back up for district play.



The Spoofhounds may have fallen short in the first part of their preseason goals, but with postseason play around the corner, there is a special feeling in the air.

Missing one of their key players in sophomore Serena Sundell due to illness, the Spoofhounds went into St. Pius with high hopes, but left empty handed. The goal of winning the MEC was dashed, but hopes for a comeback story in district play strived forward.

"The way we played against St. Pius, everyone was diving for balls, everyone was trying so hard, that was a good game to have before districts," coach Marissa Felt said. "Not everyone has played like that in games, and to see that they can play like that in games is really important."

The Spoofhounds know they have a good chance to make a run, after solidifying the No. 1 seed for the postseason. The chance to do something great is there. Felt and the rest of the team understand they have to reach out to accomplish something great, especially after last year's district championship loss to St. Joseph-Benton.

"We just got to come in with a good mindset," Sundell said. "Last year we got in our heads that Benton will be easy 'cause we have already beat them, coming in with our right head knowing it's not going to be easy, but we are the first seed, so we definitely can do it."

Drawing off of the No. 1 seed,

NEXT GAME

Maryville vs Smithville
6 p.m. Oct. 25
Cameron, MO

the Spoofhounds get an upper hand on the rest of their competition, as they were granted a first round bye before facing off against Cameron. Another day to practice is a luxury that Maryville is not taking lightly. They know this is the best time of any to work on the most fundamental aspects in their game.

A key piece of the puzzle that the Spoofhounds have been focusing on for a while is hard work and determination. On and off the court, both of these aspects are important to building that championship program Felt dreams of.

"The main focus for us is going to be hard work, I mean we've worked hard all season," Felt said. "Against Pius our girls played lights out and they were all sweating at the end, and I haven't seen some of them sweat like that, so I think if they played like they did against Pius, I think we are going to go places."

The second round of the tournament was all Spoofhounds as they faced off against Cameron. Maryville made quick work of them 2-0 as they advanced to the district championship for the second straight year.

For the Spoofhounds, revenge is on the horizon as they head to the district championship again, after losing last year to Benton in the championship match.

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NW FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall AFCA

NORTHWEST.....	7-1	No. 11
Fort Hays State.....	6-2	NR
Pittsburg State.....	6-2	NR
Central Oklahoma.....	5-3	NR
Missouri Western.....	4-4	NR
Emporia State.....	4-4	NR
Nebraska Kearney.....	4-4	NR
Washburn.....	4-4	NR
Central Missouri.....	3-5	NR
Lindenwood.....	3-5	NR
Missouri Southern.....	1-7	NR
Northeastern State.....	0-8	NR

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall MIAA

Washburn.....	25-1	13-1
Nebraska Kearney.....	26-2	12-2
Central Oklahoma.....	24-4	12-2
NORTHWEST.....	19-6	11-3
Central Missouri.....	20-6	10-4
Pittsburg State.....	17-10	6-8
Emporia State.....	12-15	6-8
Lindenwood.....	13-11	5-9
Missouri Western.....	12-15	4-10
Missouri Southern.....	3-21	3-11
Fort Hays State.....	8-18	2-12
Southwest Baptist.....	4-23	0-14

NW WOMEN'S SOCCER

MIAA Standings

Overall MIAA

Central Oklahoma.....	16-0	9-0
Central Missouri.....	12-3-1	6-2-1
Emporia State.....	11-4-1	6-3
Missouri Western.....	11-5	6-3
Fort Hays State.....	8-6-2	6-3
Washburn.....	8-7-2	3-4-2
Missouri Southern.....	7-6-3	3-4-1
Lindenwood.....	6-8-2	3-5-1
Nebraska Kearney.....	5-10-1	3-5-1
Northeastern State.....	8-6-2	2-5-2
Southwest Baptist.....	1-13-2	1-7-1
NORTHWEST.....	2-13	1-8

MHS FOOTBALL

FINAL MEC STANDINGS

Overall MEC

MARYVILLE.....	8-1	7-0
Savannah.....	6-3	5-2
Lafayette.....	7-2	5-2
St. Pius.....	5-4	4-3
Chillicothe.....	3-6	3-4
Benton.....	2-7	2-5
Cameron.....	3-6	1-6
Bishop LeBlond.....	0-	0-7

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Soccer focused on future at season's end

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Northwest soccer suffered another setback over the weekend, taking a pair of hard-fought losses.



The Bearcats dropped two home matches, one to Central Oklahoma 3-0 Oct. 19, and the other by a score of 2-1 to Northeastern State Oct. 21. The setback was the latest in a series of mostly disappointing outings for the Bearcats.

On the heels of its second win of the season, coming over Southwest Baptist Oct. 14, Northwest (2-13, 1-8 MIAA) was forced to face off against Central Oklahoma (16-0, 9-0 MIAA), the No. 1 team in the MIAA. Despite a strong effort in the game from the Bearcats, they eventually did what every team has done when playing UCO this season; they fell to the Bronchos.

"I know the result on Friday showed a 3-0 loss, but the game was not that," coach Marc Gordon said. "I'm not displeased with our play. I thought we did well to manage what they had. All in all, the way we played was good for where we're at in the season, just not able to get the result."

The results and statistics did not tell the whole story in the matchup. For Northwest, this has developed into a common theme. Week after week, the Bearcats seem to inch toward a breakthrough, only to fall short as the final buzzer sounds on each game.

"When we played UCO, a lot of the people I went to school with talked about how we were going to get beat 9-0, and no one on the team really thought that," freshman defender Tanith Beal said. "We never gave up."

Beal, a native of Shawnee, Kansas, did not follow a traditional path to suiting up for Northwest. She graduated from De Soto High School in 2017, attending Kansas State University for a year while participating in club soccer.

"I went to a smaller high school, so I knew everyone and everyone knew me," Beal said. "On the soccer team, it was just a big family. I thought I wanted to go to a place with more people; a bigger atmosphere."

Beal's presence on the team is an early and glaring example of the positive effects brought by Gordon.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Marc Gordon is in his first year coaching Northwest soccer. Gordon has led the team to a 2-13 record so far as the Bearcats transition through the rebuilding process. Northwest closes its season off this weekend beginning with a trip to Missouri Western Oct. 26. It travels to Lindenwood two days later.

The freshman sought more competitiveness and a new environment after her year at Kansas State, and Gordon's arrival at Northwest, along with family ties to the school, helped draw her to the program.

"Once I went to K-State, I realized I really missed that family aspect," Beal said. "The club soccer was fun but it wasn't up to the competitive level I needed. Coach Gordon contacted me for his previous school (Ottawa University), and I noticed he was coming here, so I came and visited."

In all, Northwest's season has not gone according to plan. At the onset of the season, Gordon said he was hoping to win 10 games. With just two more games on the schedule, the Bearcats will fail to reach half of that.

After starting the season with an undaunted 2-1 victory over William Jewell, Northwest slumped to the tune of an 11-game losing streak.

This is the nature of a rebuild, one that has at times left Gordon disappointed and perplexed, but has ultimately left him hopeful.

"After (William Jewell), if you would have said we would only win one more game up to this point...I wouldn't believe it," Gordon said. "We set some high expectations, I think attainable, but some high expectations."

On the surface, the piling losses could be viewed as a restriction of growth for a young Northwest team.

In reality, the opposite is true. In what has been a rebuilding season, the Bearcats' development reaches far beyond the record book or win column, and can only truly be measured in the coming years.

The changing of a culture cannot take place overnight, or over the course of just one season. The Bearcats are building for a better tomorrow, although hope for tomorrow isn't lost.

day isn't lost.

"It would be very easy for a group to check out with the challenges we've had this season, but they have not," Gordon said of his players. "They continue to push each other. I know that they feel that they're better than their record shows, but it is what it is. In all my years of coaching and as a player, I've had some bad seasons, but there are some things that have happened to us this year that have never happened (to me)."

As the sun sets on the season for Northwest, the attention will turn to the future. There will be no postseason for the team: an offseason full of training and recruiting will follow its season finale Oct. 28 versus

NEXT GAME

Northwest @ Missouri Western
6 p.m. Oct. 26
St. Joseph, MO

Northwest @ Lindenwood
11 a.m. Oct. 28
St. Charles, MO

Lindenwood.

After next week for the Bearcats, there is no next week, only next season and beyond.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Rogers State slated to join MIAA in 2019

MIAA conference leadership has voted to welcome Rogers State University into the MIAA in fall 2019.

Rogers State announced its intent to become a member of the conference in a press release Oct. 18.

"The MIAA is known for its championship-caliber athletic programs, emphasis on academic excellence and a commitment to community service, and these traits align perfectly with RSU's vision for our athletic programs," RSU Director of Athletics Chris Ratcliff said.

RSU has competed in the Heartland Conference since 2013. It has 12 athletic programs including baseball, softball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's track and field.

RSU does not have a football team. The MIAA voted to remove sports sponsorships as a requirement for membership in June.

RSU fills the void Lindenwood and Southwest Baptist's departure for the GLVC left within the MIAA.

Southwest Baptist's football program does not compete in the MIAA. Lincoln University will fill the vacancy Lindenwood's departure left in football scheduling.

Newman University is also slated to join the MIAA next year.

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Senior wide receiver Shawn Bane Jr. eclipsed 5,000 all-purpose yards for his career in the Bearcats’ 38-17 victory over Lindenwood Oct. 20.

BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Bearcats eye complete game

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As Northwest readies for a six-hour road trip Oct. 27 to Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the focus is not on the Northeastern State Riverhawks but instead the Bearcats own improvement.

The Week 9 matchup will feature the MIAA-leading Bearcats (7-1) against the Riverhawks (0-8) who are searching for their first



win since Week 9 of last season. On paper, the matchup is not close, as Northwest has won all eight meetings with Northeastern by an average of 37.6 points per game.

Coach Rich Wright is not focused on the numbers or the history between the two teams, but rather is taking this week to focus on putting together a full four quarters against the Riverhawks.

“(We) played pretty well against Lindenwood but still had some lapses at times,” Wright said.

“We were up 31-7, gave up a field goal and then turned the ball over, and they put one in on us off the turnover.”

Against Lindenwood Oct. 20, the Bearcats fell one quarter short of what Wright considered a complete game. The 38-17 victory saw Northwest jump out to an early lead once again but were able to capitalize on more opportunities in the second half to put up 14 points in the third.

The scoring ceased in the fourth

with Northwest gaining only 85 yards in the final quarter compared to more than 100 yard average of the first three quarters. For Wright, the offense is not the only unit in need of adjustments after the Lindenwood win.

“I was disappointed in the way our defense played last week,” Wright said. “I felt like, fundamentally, we did some things that weren’t good, so we are re-emphasizing fundamentals. After two weeks on options teams, to go back

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and play a spread style offense again was a little different.”

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Maryville looks ahead to postseason play

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Maryville football wrapped up its regular season with a convincing 27-7 win over St. Joseph- Lafayette Oct. 19, the latest in a string of eight consecutive victories.

Next, the Spoofhounds (8-1, 7-0 MEC) begins postseason play with a home game Nov. 2 against the winner of the Chillicothe versus St. Joseph-Benton matchup Oct. 26.

Maryville was previously scheduled to host Northeast Kansas City (1-8) at the ‘Hound Pound Oct. 26. The game is expected to be cancelled on account of a Northeast forfeit.

For Maryville, the season has gone almost exactly according to script. After an early-season setback coming in the form of a 38-35 Week 1 loss to Blair Oaks, the Spoofhounds caught fire.

The team rattled off eight wins in a row and marched undefeated



through the MEC to win the conference title.

“It feels awesome,” coach Matt Webb said. “I’m very proud of our kids and their effort. It just goes to show that our guys were resilient and they wanted to win a conference championship.”

To clinch the MEC title outright, Maryville had to outlast the Fighting Irish (7-2, 5-2 MEC). Lafayette had just one loss heading into the matchup, coming against Savannah Sept. 14. The usually high-scoring Lafayette offense was suppressed.

The Spoofhounds took on Lafayette without senior running back Eli Dowis, who was injured Oct. 12 against Savannah, and without starting quarterback Ben Walker and running back Connor Weiss.

All three players have been vital to Maryville’s success, but their absence had no consequence in the win over an athletic Lafayette roster.

“To be able to kind of go that race, and go 8-0 and be outright champs is a very good feeling,”

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Maryville vs TBD

7 p.m. Nov. 2

Maryville, MO

Webb said. “(In) Friday night’s game we had three goals: No. 1: team, No. 2: team and No. 3: team, with three exclamation points, because teams win championships, not individuals.”

Lafayette and the MEC as a whole have offered different opposing play styles for the ‘Hounds to match up with, preparing them for the uncertainties that lie ahead in the postseason.

From Blair Oaks’ Nolan Hair to Lafayette’s dual-threat Deon McGaughy, Maryville’s defense has encountered varying types of offense led by differing sorts of quarterbacks.

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Senior running back Tyler Houchin scored two touchdowns while carrying a heavy workload in Maryville’s 27-7 win over St. Joseph-Lafayette Friday, Oct. 19.

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Northeast KC expected to forfeit district opener

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Maryville football’s Class 3 District 8 playoff matchup with Northeast Kansas City, originally scheduled for Oct. 26 at the ‘Hound Pound, is expected to be canceled.

The Spoofhounds (8-1, 7-0 MEC) should get an impromptu bye week after Northeast’s decision to forfeit becomes official prior to the game’s scheduled start time at 7 p.m. The Vikings (1-8) had earned just one win on the season, coming in a 16-14 triumph over J.C. Harmon High School (Kansas).

“We were notified this morning (Oct. 24) that Northeast has



a low amount of players, and that they would wish to not come up and play,” coach Matt Webb said. “It was a surprise. I’ve seen it happen at some other schools...It’s not unheard of, (but) it’s the first time it’s ever happened to us.”

Originally, officials from Northeast Kansas City High School and the Kansas City Public School District (KCPS) were unclear as to whether the team planned to forfeit or not. Northeast Athletic Director Ralph Williams originally said that the game “has not been forfeited.”

KCPS Manager of Public Relations and Marketing Ray Weikal cleared up previous confusions about Northeast’s plans to forfeit the contest.

“The information I have at this time, and this from the KCPS District Athletic Director James Sanders, is that we are, unfortunately, going to have to cancel that game due to the fact that at this time, eight of the squad members are unable to play due to injuries,” Weikal said. “Unfortunately at this time, we won’t be able to field a team.”

MSHSAA Communications Director Jason West clarified that the game cannot technically be forfeited until Friday.

“Please remember that technically they have not forfeited anything yet,” West said. “They can’t forfeit a game that has not been played. Friday, the plan is to forfeit it, as of right now, but circum-

stances can change where the game could be played.”

The expected forfeiture is not a welcomed revelation for Webb and company. Entering the postseason, the Spoofhounds are not looking for a week off.

“As a football coach, you want to stay in a routine of playing on Friday nights,” Webb said. Having an open date is not anything that you want, in my opinion. It’s not something that is ideal by any means, especially during playoff time and this time of the season.”

Webb reiterated his displeasure with the forfeiture and suggested an offseason look at MSHAA’s District designation system is in order. The Spoofhounds will attempt

to stick to their day-to-day routine as much as possible in preparation for the second round of districts.

“It’s not something I’m happy about at all,” Webb said. “I think in the offseason we need to visit, from a MSHAA standpoint, on enrollment numbers and things like that when you talk about district alignments and district assignments. From a Maryville standpoint, we’ll practice, we’ll have everything normal and be ready for week two: we’ll focus on the winner of Chillicothe and Benton.”

Maryville will host the winner of the Chillicothe-Benton matchup at the ‘Hound Pound Nov. 2 in what will be the second round of the Class 3 District 8 tournament.